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Will the Clerk please call Calendar 458?

THE CLERK:

Yes, Madam Speaker.

On page 115, Calendar 458, favorable report of Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, House Bill 6509, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Fox.

REP. FOX (146TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I move for the acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The question before the Chamber is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

Representative Fox, you have the floor.

REP. FOX (146TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

As the members are aware, during the course of this session we had a number of bills that were proposed by the Sentencing Commission, who are made up

of judges, prosecutors, defense lawyers, victim's advocates and a number of other appointed individuals who serve to attempt to make -- find ways to make our sentencing laws better.

During the course of their deliberations they felt it would be advantageous to them if in addition to their membership -- their current membership they also added as members the -- the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Judiciary Committee because they felt it would be helpful to them in their -- in their deliberations and that's what this bill does.

And I urge passage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Will you remark further on this bill?

Representative Rebimbas.

REP. REBIMBAS (70TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the amendment before us. We certainly acknowledge all of the good work that the Sentencing Commission does and there attempt now to put the Ranking Members and the Chairpersons on that commission would allow us then to be part of the process and hopefully make better

legislation, so I do support the bill that's before us.

Through you, Madam Speaker -- oh, thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Will you remark further on the bill before us?
Will you remark further?

If not, will staff and guests please come to the Well of the House? Will the members please take your -- oh -- yes -- please come to the Well of the House? Will the members please take your seats; the machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll.

The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Will members please return to the Chamber immediately?

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted?

Will the members please check the board to determine if your vote has been properly cast?

If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally?

THE CLERK:

Yes. House Bill 6509, Madam Speaker,

Total Number Voting 141

Necessary for Passage 71

Those voting Yea 132

Those voting Nay 9

Absent and not voting 9

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

The bill passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 662?

THE CLERK:

Yes, Madam Speaker, on page 32, Calendar Number 662, favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education, Substitute Senate Bill 1097, AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION REFORM ACT OF 2012.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

Representative Fleischmann.

REP. FLEISCHMANN (18TH):

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and good evening.

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RITTER:

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Senate Agenda Number 5 be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda be incorporated by reference in the Senate Journal and the Senate Transcript.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And, Madam President -- Madam President, would move to place the items on Senate Agenda Number 5 on our Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

And Madam President, would move for suspension for the purposes of -- of taking up two of the items on Senate Agenda Number 5 for purposes of moving them to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And, Madam President, would move to place on the Consent Calendar from Senate Agenda Number 5 House Bill 6509 and Substitute for House Bill 5027.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

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Madam President, seeing no objection, would this item please be placed on our Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

Senator Looney..

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, with that item being moved to the Consent Calendar, Madam President, there is an -- an item on the foot of the Calendar to be removed and, Madam President, on -- on the foot of the Calendar, Calendar Page 42, Calendar 648, House Bill 6660, would move to remove that item from the foot and to mark it passed retaining its place on the Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, at this point if the Clerk would list the items on the second Consent Calendar so that we might proceed to a vote on that Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 5607; House Bill 6509; House Bill 5027. On Page 4, Calendar 459, House Bill 6622; on Page 7, Calendar 536, Senate Bill 1163.

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Page 14, Calendar 651, House Bill 6565. On Page 15, Calendar 660, House Bill 6290. Page 17, Calendar 678, House Bill 6671. Also Calendar 686, House Bill 6528.

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On Page 19, Calendar 689, House Bill 6677 and on Page 24, Calendar 484, Senate Bill Number 983.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote on the second Consent Calendar. The machine is open.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Senators please return to the Chamber. Immediate roll call on Senate -- on Consent Calendar Number 2 has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

If all members have voted, if all members have voted, the machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On Consent Calendar Number 2.

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I would move for immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives of any items voted on the second Consent Calendar needing additional action by the House.

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So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And also if there are any other items that were voted individually that may need additional action by the House.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Good, thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, that will conclude -- conclude our business for this evening or this morning at this point. Before adjournment I would yield the floor to any members for announcements or points of personal privilege.

THE CHAIR:

Any announcements or personal privilege?

Seeing none, Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madam President, for a -- a Journal notation. Senator Coleman was -- was absent and missed votes today due to -- due to illness.

THE CHAIR:

So noted, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, one other item. On the -- the -- the items on the foot of the Calendar beginning on Calendar Page 27, beginning with Calendar 59, on Calendar Page 27 at the beginning of the foot and

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 6509

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.

By Hon. Joseph M. Shortall
Chairman, Connecticut Sentencing Commission

Good morning Senator Coleman, Representative Fox, Senator Kissel, Representative Rebimbas and members of the Judiciary Committee.

I am Joseph Shortall, the Chairman of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission. I am here to testify on behalf of the Commission in support of House Bill 6509, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.

The Connecticut Sentencing Commission was created by Public Act 10-129, which was effective February 1, 2011. Its mission, as stated in the statute, is as follows:

“to review the existing criminal sentencing structure in the state and any proposed changes thereto, including existing statutes, proposed criminal justice legislation and existing and proposed sentencing policies and practices and make recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly and appropriate criminal justice agencies.”

The commission consists of 23 members, including judges, prosecutors, criminal defense counsel, the commissioners of the Departments of Correction, Public Safety and Mental Health and Addiction Services, the victim advocate, the executive director of the court support services division of the Judicial Branch, a municipal police chief, the chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the undersecretary of the criminal justice policy and planning division of the Office of Policy and Management and members of the public appointed by the Governor and the leaders of the General Assembly.

Public Act 10-129 identifies 13 tasks for the Commission in carrying out its mission, including facilitation of the development of a state-wide sentencing database, evaluation of existing and proposed statutes and programs, identification of potential areas of sentencing disparity and providing training regarding sentencing and related issues.

Honorable Joseph
M. Shortall, Chair

Undersecretary
Mike Lawlor, Vice Chair

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By amending Public Act 10-129 to add the chairs and ranking members of the Judiciary Committee to the Sentencing Commission's membership, the Commission believes it would benefit from their familiarity with the legislative process and their knowledge of the criminal justice system.

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Passage of SB 6509, AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, would assist the Commission's in carrying out its statutory mission.